Cultural Requirements: Artichokes are native to the Mediterranean. In warm areas, (zones 8 & 9) such as California, artichokes can be treated as perennials and left in the ground for 6–7 years until they need to be divided. In colder regions, Artichokes will die back to the ground, but may survive as perennials if the roots don’t suffer in a prolonged freeze. Help protect your roots from winter frost by mulching heavily. Plants grow 4’ high and 6’ - 8’ wide with silvery-green leaves. Artichokes form from big flower buds and if left to grow, will blossom into beautiful, purple ornamental flowers.

Heeling In: When your bare root plants arrive, open the plastic bags immediately. It is best to plant right away, within a week of delivery, however if you cannot plant right away, you may “heel in” the plants to protect them and keep them alive (but still dormant) until you are able to plant them in their permanent spot.

Outdoors: To heel in bare root plants outside, pick a location that is shielded from wind. Dig a trench about twice as deep as the roots are long, with one side of the trench sloping at a 45° angle. Place in the hole roots side down, so that the plant is supported by the sloping side. Cover the roots with soil or sand and gently tamp down to avoid air pockets. Periodically check the root area, keeping the soil moist.

Indoors: To heel in bare root plants indoors, whether due to snow or a frozen ground, choose a cool place like a root cellar, basement, or garage. It’s important to choose a place where the temperature stays between 38°F and 45°F. This is important so the roots neither freeze, nor does the plant break dormancy. Place the roots in a container with soil or sand and be sure to keep the root area moist.

Planting & Growing: Plant in the winter (warmer climates) or in the spring (cold areas). Plant crowns 6’ - 8’ deep and 6’ apart in well-drained soil, rich in organic matter. If treating as annuals, use closer spacing between plants. Protect with shade in hot areas (soil temperatures above 85°F will prevent bud-setting). After growth starts, water thoroughly once a week, wetting entire root system. Artichokes are susceptible to aphids, snails, slugs and gophers. Use Peaceful Valley’s gopher baskets, or wire-in areas where gophers are a problem. Harvest the buds while they are tight and plump. When the leaves start to yellow, cut off old stalks near the ground. In cold winter areas, cut the tops to 1’ in fall.

Important Information

• If your plants arrived damaged, take photographs and contact us immediately and we will provide you with a refund of the purchase price, or a replacement.

• You should plant your artichokes within a week of delivery. If you are unable to do so, you can plant it in a pot or "heel in" your artichokes until you are able to plant.

• In the rare event that your artichokes do not leaf out by May 15th, we offer a Limited Guarantee on dormant plants. See the last page for details.

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How to Grow Artichokes
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Perishable Items (3-Day Return Policy):
We guarantee the perishable items we sell to be in good, viable condition when we sell them. Perishable items include, but are not limited to, garlic bulbs, flower bulbs, seed potatoes, onion sets & transplants, bare-root trees, vegetable crowns... etc. If your perishable item arrives in substandard condition, please contact us within 3 days of the purchase date (or delivery date) and we will provide you with a refund of the purchase price (including shipping costs), or a replacement. Accordingly, we urge you to open any boxes marked as “Perishable” immediately upon receiving them. Because some perishable items can deteriorate very quickly, we cannot accept any claims beyond the 3-day time frame as it becomes too difficult to determine if these items were delivered in substandard condition, or if they turned into such substandard condition because of having been improperly cared for or stored once delivered.

Limitation of Remedy
We warrant to the extent of the purchase price only that the seeds or plants sold hereunder are as described on the label within recognized tolerances. No other warranty is given, expressed or implied, of (1) the merchantability or fitness of the seeds or plants for any particular purpose, or (2) against loss due to any cause. We cannot accept any responsibility for the many uncontrollable growing and climatic conditions (soil preparation, fertilization, weed and pest control, temperature control, irrigation...etc.) that must be met to insure the success of your crop(s) or plants.

Limited Dormant Tree & Plant Guarantee (When Planted in the Ground by April 1st)
Claim Deadline is June 1st (with the exception of persimmon trees, which have a deadline of June 15th). Claims placed after June 1st (or June 15th for persimmon trees) will be denied.

Please note: Our trees will come to you topped off at approximately 3 ft. in height to put the tree's stored energy into root development vs. foliage production.

What We Guarantee
Our only guarantee is that your dormant tree/plant will arrive in good, viable condition and will leaf out by May 15th (historically 98% of our trees do). This guarantee is only available to customers who purchased their tree/plant directly from us, and who planted their tree/plant in the ground by April 1st (or temporarily in a pot if the ground in their zone was still frozen solid).

What We Cannot Guarantee
We cannot guarantee that your tree/plant remains alive & healthy, or bears fruit, as there are too many variables beyond our control in order to do so (i.e. soil preparation, planting, fertilization, weed & pest control, adequate irrigation and/or drainage, chill hours, compatible hardiness for your zone, proper choice of pollinator, etc).

How to Request a Credit
If your tree/plant does not leaf out by May 15th, please perform a scratch test by checking for green under the bark, a few inches over the graft. If the scratch test reveals a brown cambium, that means your tree/plant is dead or dying. Watch our video titled Bare Root (Dormant) Warranty on how to perform this simple test. If the scratch test revealed that your plant is dead or dying, pull it from the ground and take pictures of the entire tree/plant, including the roots. Submit your claim & pictures by using the “Return an Item” tool on our Customer Service page (or email us at helpdesk@groworganic.com) no later than June 1st (or June 15th for persimmon trees). We will review your claim and issue you a credit (not a refund) for the purchase price of your tree/plant (excluding shipping).*

(* We reserve the right to not issue credit for items already replaced. We also reserve the right to request photographic evidence that the tree/plant was not killed by root rot, rodent or mechanical damage.)